GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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EXCISE DUTY ON COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the excise duty is levied on coal mines and despatched from the collieries in the country;

(b) if so, the amount of revenue collected from these mines during the last three years;

(c) the number of coal mines working illegally in the country;

(d) whether any assessment has been made about the evasion of tax by them; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government to recover tax from them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir

(b): The amount of revenue collected from these mines during the last three years is given as under:-

Years	Revenue collected (In Rs.)
2002-03	118,77,60,980.00
2003-04	230,34,74,170.00
2004-05	373,97,16,891.00

(c): As reported by Coal India Limited, there is no illegal mine as such in CIL areas. However, illegal mining is carried out stealthily and clandestinely from abandoned/closed/disused mines or from outcrop regions.

(d) &(e): Primarily, it is the responsibility of the State/District Administration to take necessary deterrent action to stop curb/illegal mining. Since illegal mining is clandestinely done it is not possible to make any assessment about tax evasion.